

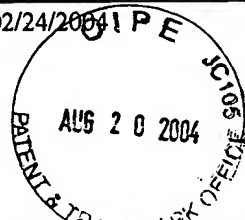


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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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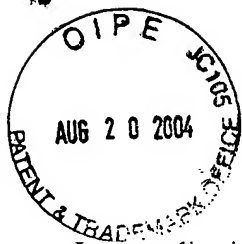
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Thomas P. HEDMAN

Serial No: 10/786,861

Filed: February 24, 2004

For: NON-TOXIC CROSSLINKING
REAGENTS TO RESIST CURVE
PROGRESSION IN SCOLIOSIS AND
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Art Unit: 1651

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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Filing Date Granted," dated May 17, 2004, the time for response to which is extended one month by the accompanying petition from July 17, 2004 to August 17, 2004, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted."
- ☒ A "Declaration and Power of Attorney" executed by the inventor(s).
- ☒ A "Petition for Extension of Time" for 1 month. Please charge the fee of \$ 55 for the one month extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1314.
- ☒ Please charge the fee of \$ 65 for the Surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration to Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
Date: August 17, 2004

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